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On the 20th May, at 2, Gomes Villa, Kowloon, the wife of L. P. GILBERT, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

On the 4th May, at the British Consulate-General, before Mr. E. M. Hobart Haugden, Acting Consul-General, as a witness at Christ Church, Yokohama, by the Rev. W. P. G. Field, M.A., HORACE WILSON, eldest son of FREDERICK C. BUCKLAND, Sevenoaks, Kent, England, to CATHERINE ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of WALTER FRANK PEARCE, of Deutschi, Japan.

On the 7th May, at Yokohama, WILLIAM, son of JEAN D'HARVEY, of Redburn, Herts, to ERIKA REBECCA, daughter of HENRY WALLIS BURN, of St. Albans, Herts, England.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 21st MAY, 1904

LOVERS of sensation—and modern newspaper-readers in all parts of the world are supposed to be such—cannot complain that during the past forty-eight hours they have not been abundantly supplied with excitement. The war in the North has moved with tremendous rapidity and has left ineffaceable marks. The horrors of warfare have been demonstrated in their most vivid light. The news which reached the Colony yesterday, and which we reproduce in our own correspondent's and the Japanese official telegrams in to-day's issue, comes with a shock of startling intensity. Early in the week we learnt that the Japanese cruiser *Miyako*, while engaged in destroying Russian mines in the neighbourhood of Dalny, touched one of them and sank, happily with very few casualties. It was not until yesterday that it was known here that, on the very day following that first serious disaster in the war to Japan's Navy, two far more cruel blows followed, one of them of irreparable extent. The latter is, of course, the sinking of the great battleship *Hatsuse*, flagship of Rear-Admiral NASHIBA, which came in contact with a Russian mechanical mine ten miles away from the Laotian promontory below

Port Arthur and sank in half an hour's time, drowning nearly 450 men. This magnificent warship is nearly the finest in the Japanese fleet and represents one-sixth of the battleship squadron. A month ago the world was startled at the loss of the Russian flagship *Petrovsk*, one of Russia's strongest naval items. The *Hatsuse's* fate was only less appalling because less sudden than that of the *Petrovsk*; but the *Hatsuse* was a vessel of 4,000 tons more displacement. Further, as if this disaster were not grievous enough, on the same day, in a fog off Shantung promontory, the newly-purchased Japanese cruiser *Kasuga* ran into another cruiser and sank her, drowning 200 men. Japan's new cruiser has done her country indeed an ill service early in her career. The *Yoshino* was fairly large, but not very new, and her loss is, of course, in no way comparable to that of the *Hatsuse*. Still she was an effective part of Japan's fleet. It may well be imagined that grief pervades Japan at the loss of three good ships and between 650 and 700 men in the course of two days. After nearly three months and a half of naval war in which the Japanese injuries were infinitesimal in comparison with the damage inflicted on the foe and the greatness of the task accomplished, two days have turned exultation into sorrow, and accidents have dealt a wound which actual fighting could not deal. The sympathy of Britons, and of many others as well, must go out to Japan in this hour. The triple catastrophe may not affect the course of the war, but it is nevertheless of cruel intensity. Japan continues to command the sea, but in less preponderant strength, and the events of the 14th and 15th instant may decide Russia to attempt to carry into execution the threat of sending out her Baltic fleet, "scratch pack" though it may be, to challenge Japan's weakened naval power. The awful import of submarine mines has truly been well illustrated in this war.

On land the Japanese are fortunate in being able to point to very distinct successes to counterbalance, in some degree, their naval disasters. Newchwang is in their hands without a struggle (involving the destruction by Russia of the hardly valuable gun-vessel *Sivouch*), and the Liaotung peninsula is theirs from Tashihchiao right down to Kinchow. More significant still is the Russian story that the retreat on Harbin is threatened. The astonishing report reached us just too late for publication in Thursday's issue of this paper that a Japanese force had reached a point thirty miles north-east of Moukden, coming from what direction we do not yet know; it might be from Fenghuangcheng in the South, or possibly from the East. No confirmation from Japanese sources has been published, as was only to be expected, seeing how well hidden have been the land tactics of Japan. General KUROPATKIN was stated to calculate that the Japanese would take six weeks to reach Harbin, supposing them to have 225,000 men in Manchuria. But now it is actually suggested that the Russian retreat from Moukden to Harbin may be intercepted. A curious commentary, truly, on General PRUEG's criticism, telegraphed from Moukden to St. Petersburg, that "Japan's advance to Linoyang is characterised by indecision." We might almost expect to hear soon that General PRUEG has been superseded, following Admiral STARK, Viceroy ALEXIEFF, and General SASSULITCH into the disgrace which has punished want of foresight on the Russian side in this war. Japan's "indecision," at any rate, seems to have been a very effective manoeuvre if it has resulted as well as Russian reports seem to make out. But that the Japanese should already be in a position to threaten the retreat from Moukden to Harbin seems almost incredible. It will be well to await confirmation of the news. Already somewhat conflicting rumours are abroad.

To-morrow is Whit Sunday.

The French Mail of the 18th April was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

Five more fatal Chinese plague cases were reported up to noon yesterday, three in the New Territory, while one body was found on the hill-side at Yau-mat.

While playing in a billiard match with Charles Dawson (the champion) at Liverpool, H. W. Stevenson (ex-champion) broke the record for the highest push-barred break with 728; the previous record was Dawson's 722.

The *Novoe Vremya* published last month a letter from a correspondent on his way to the front in the course of which he says that General KUROPATKIN has a bodyguard of 15 Knights of St. George with a banner of the Order. The knights will accompany him throughout the war, and the unfurling banner will indicate the position of the Commander-in-Chief—rather a conspicuous mark, surely!

H.M.S. *Sirius* is to undergo a docking.

L'Echo de Chine says that Colonel Marchand, having refused the command of the French troops at Tientsin, has had his resignation accepted.

On the 30th ult. the ceremony took place, at Simla of the assumption of office by Lord Amthill, who will act as Viceroy of India during Lord Curzon's absence on leave.

The despatch of the huge painting of the Dowager-Empress of China from Peking to the St. Louis Exhibition is regarded by the natives as an omen that Her Majesty will not outlive this year.

A Ponceña telegram of the 16th ult. states that the crew of the battleship *Texas*, working a 12-in. gun, achieved a world's record for fast and accurate marksmanship, scoring 89 out of a possible 100.

By special request, the Zantigs, who recently appeared in the Theatre Royal, will give an exhibition of their hypnotism and mentalism at the Peak Hotel to-night at 9 o'clock. The entertainment will be open to the public.

A Darjeeling despatch of the 4th May says:—Thunderstorms are occurring almost daily in the Sikkim valleys. The road is already breached between Rangpo and Ranglichu. The road between the base and Rangpo is breached annually, but large supplies of stores are accumulated at Gangtok in case of emergency.

Mr. T. W. Crosland, author of *The Unpleasant* and *Unlovely Man*, is writing a series of articles on *Unlovely Man*, in which he advances the theory that Adam was a Scot. Scotsmen, we imagine, will be most relieved that there is no attempt to prove that Mr. Crosland is a Scot, whatever Adam may have been.

Another large assignment of Spanish-Philippine coinage has been shipped to the United States for recoinage into United States currency. The shipment consisted of 1,810,000 pesos, in denominations of pesetas, media pesos, and pesos. After recoinage it will be returned to the Philippines. At the present time there is in circulation in the Philippines marts of trade almost every kind of money in existence. The local currencies are Conant, Mexican, and Spanish-Philippine coins. The last mentioned will be recoined into Conant, and it is believed that "Mex." will be driven out.

According to the *Kobe Chronicle*, the proposed reforms in the Korean Government are to be commenced at the Court of the Emperor, where, a despatch says, the influence of superstition is remarkable. In the past fortune-tellers and sorcerers have flourished at the Korean Court, interfering to the disadvantage of the country, not only with domestic but with political affairs. The Minister of the Imperial Household has now issued an order which banishes from the precincts of the Court all fortune-tellers and sorcerers. This will not necessarily avert superstition, but it is a beginning.

A Vladivostok paper having contained a critical article on the subject of the composition of a volunteer cavalry regiment, in which the writer ridiculed the movement, the commander of the fortress arrested the editor and imprisoned him for seven days. At the same time the commander described the conduct of the offender as most unpatriotic. "All our force," he continued, "must be directed to the attainment of one end—the delivery of our country from the dangers that threaten it. Such articles are unpleasant. They prove that the editor has forgotten the serious duties that devolve upon representatives of the Press."

Captain M. Kaburaki, the new Japanese Naval Attaché, who arrived in London from Japan in the middle of April, denied that the Japanese Navy includes submarine vessels. Although two new battle-ships were at present being built in Great Britain, he said, the Japanese Congress would decide at the end of this year whether contracts for further battle-ships would be given out. Three or four cruisers, of four thousand tons each, were at present being turned out in the Naval yards at Yokosuka and Kure, while a number of destroyers and torpedo craft were also building. Several of the latter had been launched and completed since the outbreak of the war. With the British-built boats and those turned out in the Japanese dockyards, Japan at present possessed a fleet of a hundred destroyers and torpedo-boats.

In the German Reichstag on the 22nd ult. the debate upon the estimates for the German East Asiatic Brigade was opened by Herr Payer, a member of the Radical Left. He declared that the political situation in East Asia necessitated a reserved attitude on the part of himself and his party. Nevertheless he particularly desired the Government to remember that the brigade was merely a temporary force which was by no means to be regarded as forming the nucleus of a colonial army. A Conservative Deputy, on the other hand, expressed the belief that the brigade had still important duties to fulfil. In fact a member of the Budget Committee had described it as "the backbone of China." The Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Baron von Richthofen, repudiated the suggestion of a Socialist speaker that the brigade was a purely decorative institution. He declared that without its presence the residence of foreigners in China would have been entirely out of the question. If the German troops had been reduced last year, the Government would have been accused of being wanting in political foresight.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

THE WAR

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

TWO GREAT JAPANESE LOSSES.

BATTLESHIP AND CRUISER GONE.

KORE, 20th May, 10.20 a.m.
The Japanese battleship *Hatsuse* on the 15th inst. struck a Russian mine off Port Arthur and sank in thirty minutes. About 300 men were saved by the Japanese fleet.

The Japanese cruiser *Yoshino* was sunk in collision with the cruiser *Kasuga* off the promontory of Shantung on the 15th inst. also. About 90 of her crew were saved.

[The *Hatsuse* was Japan's third largest battleship, being a 15,000-ton boat, of 16,300 i.h.p. She was launched at Elswick in 1899. Her armour ranged from 2 1/2-in. deck, to 14-in. heavy gun position. Her armament was four 12-in., fourteen 6-in., twenty 12-pr., eight 3-pr., and four 2 1/2-pr. guns. She carried four submarine torpedo-tubes. Her speed was 19.11 knots and her complement 741 men, so that over 400 were drowned.]

The *Yoshino* was a 4,180-ton cruiser, of 15,000 i.h.p. She was also built at Elswick and launched in 1892. Her deck and gun-position armour was 4-in. Her guns were four 6-in., eight 4.7, and twenty-three 3-pr., and she had five torpedo-tubes. Her speed was 23 knots and her complement 309 men, so that she must have lost over 200. The cruiser *Kasuga*, of course, is one of the two bought by Japan from Chile just before the war.—Ed. D.P.]

NEWCHWANG IN JAPAN'S HANDS.

LONDON, 19th May, 12 p.m.

A Russian official despatch announces that Newchwang has been captured by the Japanese. The gun-vessel *Sivouch* was destroyed by the Russians previously.

The Russians admit that all communication with Port Arthur is now broken off.

[The *Sivouch* is a small and antiquated gun-vessel which has been wintering at Newchwang. Built at Stockholm in 1884, she was a 950-ton vessel, carrying one 9-in., one 6-in., and eleven smaller guns. Her speed was 12.5 knots.—Ed. D.P.]

RUSSIAN RETREAT REPORTED CUT OFF.

LONDON, 19th May, 12 p.m.

It is reported that the Russian retreat on Harbin has been prevented by the interposition of a Japanese force.

S.S. "BUGATYRE" WRECKED.

LONDON, 20th May, 11.5 a.m.

It is reported that the s.s. *Bogatyre* is wrecked at the entrance to Vladivostok. The crew is saved.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR—JAPANESE LANDING IN LIAOTUNG.

LONDON, 18th May.

A St. Petersburg telegram says that General Kuropatkin reports that, on the 16th instant a number of transports landed troops at two points 25 miles south of Kiping. The troops afterwards marched in the direction of Kaiping.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN GENERAL SUPERSEDED.

LONDON, 18th May.

General Sussulitch, the Russian Commander on the Yalu, has been relieved of the command of the 2nd Siberian Division and is replaced by General Keller.

TWO FIRES LAST NIGHT.

Fire broke out at No. 185 Queen's Road West, a lantern maker's shop, at 6.50 p.m. yesterday. The Brigade, under Messrs. E. R. Hallifax and H. G. Baker managed to keep the flames to the one house, which was gutted.

At 10 p.m. fire broke out at the basement of No. 109 Queen's Road Central, a medicine shop. The Brigade nipped the conflagration before much damage was done.

WAR NOTES.

GREAT JAPANESE NAVAL DISASTER.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

Yesterday morning Mr. M. Noma, Japanese Consul at Hongkong, sent us a copy of the following official telegram received by him from Tokyo:—

TOKYO, 19th May, 11.5 p.m.

"Admiral Togo reports that, while the third squadron was returning from Port Arthur in the deep fog, the *Yoshino* was struck by the *Kasuga* off Shantung promontory on the 15th instant and sunk; ninety of the crew were saved."

"On the same day, when the *Hatsuse* was ten miles south-east off Laotian with other vessels, she was struck by the enemy's mechanical mines and sunk; just then the Russian flotilla, consisting of sixteen torpedo-boat destroyers approached, but was repulsed by our cruisers, which saved 300 of the *Hatsuse's* crew, including Rear-Admiral NASHIBA and Captain Nakao."

Later.

TOKYO, 20th May, 5 p.m.

"Rear-Admiral Masamichi Togo reports that on the 15th inst. our fleet, consisting of four cruisers, three gunboats, and the torpedo flotilla, after successfully repelling the enemy's destroyers which emerged from Port Arthur at the time of the *Hatsuse* disaster and rescuing the drowning crew, proceeded to Pichili Gulf and reconnoitred along the Kaichow promontory. On the 16th inst. we discovered a part of the enemy's shore, and fired upon them, and they fled. On the 17th inst. we penetrated the Kaichow Gulf and bombarded the enemy's edifices, the railway, bridges, and military trains."

TOKYO, 20th May, 5.20 p.m.

"A portion of our army commenced landing at Kushan on the 17th inst."

THE PRIGER AT KINCHOW.

Mr. M. Noma, the Japanese Consul, has courteously forwarded to us the following copy of a telegram received by him yesterday:—
Tokyo, May 20th, 12.40 p.m.
"The enemy which participated in the fight near Kinchow on the 16th instant consisted of the 5th, the 14th, and 16th Sharpshooters Infantry Regiments with eight quickfiring. They left on the field thirty dead officers and men. According to the prisoners' statements, the enemy's casualties were above 300."

NEWS VIA SHANGHAI.

The correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* telegraphs from Peking, 14th May:—
The Russian troops near Kuopangtse, the junction of the Heilungkiang railway, are withdrawing to the east of the river. A great part of the Russian troops at Newchwang station have been broken up and most of the camp furniture sold."

Major-General Desnove, Russian Military Agent in China, sends the following telegram to some of the Shanghai papers:—

Moukden, 12th May.

General Mitschenko reports that he found two Japanese detachments of considerable strength; one in the neighbourhood of the lower part of the Tayung-ho and the other at a distance of one day's march east of Sayang. He did not discover anything of the enemy between Fenghuangcheng and Saimachi. The Japanese army continues to advance very slowly."

A second train reached Port Arthur on the 11th May.

The number of the enemy who landed at Pitsevo, near the promontory of Konechuy and in the bay of Kinchow, is not yet fully ascertained, but it seems that it is not very strong. Continuous engagements are daily taking place between advance detachments of both armies. The losses on both sides are insignificant. The Japanese troops are advancing from Pitsevo, and from the other places at which they had landed, to Kinchow. The advance detachments showed themselves on the night of the 10th inst. on the heights near Sashihpu."

General Stessel reports that, on the 11th May, as soon as he received on the 7th May the report that Pulantien was occupied by the Japanese, he sent out several patrols of cavalry to reconnoitre in the direction of Pulantien, Pitsevo, and Kerr Bay, which were followed by detachments of mounted infantry. On the 10th May he sent six battalions of infantry and one battery of artillery under the command of General Fock towards Sashihpu. As they advanced toward the north they compelled the enemy's cavalry and a small detachment of infantry which were near the railway to retire in an easterly direction. During this engagement with the enemy we had two men killed and 14 wounded.

According to information received since from private sources the Pulantien station has been recaptured by the Japanese and the railway communication is now wholly interrupted.

Kuantien is clear of the enemy: the Japanese columns, composed of about one division, are advancing slowly along the hills in the direction of Sionyen. We have further information that the enemy is concentrating considerable forces to the north of Hailanhan."

The Japanese columns started on the 11th May from Fenghuangcheng to Linoyang. In an engagement of our cavalry with the enemy's outposts near the village of Selutshih, Lieut. Von Val of the 2nd Chita Cossacks was wounded and two Cossacks killed.

Everything is quiet in the Primorski district. Captain Bulshakoff reports from Corea that the Koreans themselves are destroying the telegraphs between Keoncheng and Senju."

Some Japanese ships are hiding from our squadron on the Corea coast in the bay of Pichili.

"We were returning to the harbour, the *Petrovsk* leading. Some of our cruisers which had remained in the harbour went out and steamed towards the enemy, firing sixteen shots at him with their bow guns. Then they retired. The enemy numbered fourteen heavy ships, nearly all armoured, while ours were nine. Against their armoured cruisers we had only the *Jagan*. I stood in the wheelhouse on board the battleship *Petrovsk* at the signal box. The battleship's last signal had been for the torpedo-boats to enter the harbour. The *Petrovsk* slowed speed and almost stood still. Suddenly she shook violently. I heard a fearful explosion, immediately followed by another and then another. They seemed to me to be directly under the bridge. I rushed to the door of the wheelhouse, where I met an officer, probably a

helmsman. I could not pass him, and I sprang to the window and jumped out. The ship was listing, and I feared that every moment she would turn over. On the bridge I saw an officer winking in blood—it was our Admiral Makaroff. He lay face downwards. I sprang to him, grasped him by the shoulder and attempted to raise him. The ship seemed to be falling somewhere. From all sides flew fragments. I heard the deafening screech and the frightful din. The smoke rose in dense clouds and the flames seemed to leap towards the bridge, where I was standing beside the Admiral. I jumped on the rail and was washed off, but succeeded in grabbing something. I was drawn down. I remember the falling masts, and then nothing more. On our ship was an old man with a beautiful white beard, who had been good to our men. He had a book in his hand, and seemed to be writing, perhaps sketching. [He was Verestchagin, the painter.]

The Associated Press's Port Arthur correspondent, who witnessed the disaster from Golden Hill, describes it thus:—

"My glance returned to our squadron. The *Petrovsk* was almost without headway, when suddenly I saw her tremble. She seemed to rise out of the water, a tremendous explosion rent her; then a second, and then a third. Fragments flew in all directions, and wreckage and men were mixed up in a terrible mass. I was hardly able to realise the horror of it, when the ship began to list. In a moment the sea seemed to open and the water rushed over her. The *Petrovsk* had disappeared. The floating woodwork and the few men struggling in the water were all that was left to recall the splendid fighting machine which a few hours before had sailed out of the harbour."

(Signed) MAJOR-GENERAL PRUEG,

Quartermaster-General.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY AND WAR.

The Times special correspondent, who has sent that journal various messages by wireless telegraphy from the *Times* steamer, sends from Weihai a protest against the threat of the Russian Government to treat as spies correspondents using wireless telegraphy at sea. He says:—

The definition of a spy in international law is one who disguises his true identity and insinuates himself within hostile territory for the purpose of communicating with the enemy. If I had insinuated myself into Russian waters and had communicated with the Japanese, I might come within this category. But I am guilty of neither of these insinuations. I possess a system of wireless telegraphy which, even if the messages were not veiled by a cipher, neither the Japanese nor Russian instruments can record. The messages go to a neutral cable office and thence to London, no one having access to them. I have never yet sailed in Russian waters; all my messages have been sent from the high seas or from neutral waters. I would point out that all the fighting I have witnessed could have been placed with neutral cables after a few hours' steaming. No Power ever dreamed of interfering with neutral cable offices, and the wireless system is only a means of accelerating the despatch of the messages. I trust that the Governments interested will insist that the Russians shall confine their threats to Russian waters."

CRICKET.

This afternoon a match will be played between members of the Dallas Musical Comedy Co., assisted by others, and a team calling itself the Nondescripts. The game will be played at the Happy Valley on the ground of the Civil Service C.C., kindly lent for the occasion by the committee, and play will commence at 2 o'clock. As several prominent cricketers have promised to turn out, there should be a good game.

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

Last night, at the Theatre Royal, before a good house, was staged *Three Little Maids*, a piece which will be remembered as being very popular here on the occasion of the previous visit of the Company. Mr. Percival Knight, as Lord Cheyne, was, as on the previous occasion, very humorous, and Mr. Frank Cochrane, as M. de l'Orme, sang several songs in good style. The honours were fairly equally divided among the ladies of the Company, Miss Violet Frampton and Miss Ernestine Walter possibly being the best, although a decided want of finish in their vocal efforts was apparent. One of the features of the evening was the violin solo by Miss Blanche Garbette, who was deservedly encored. To-night *A Chinese Honeymoon* is billed for production.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. Iremonger and officers, the Band of the 93rd Band Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night:—

March....."Santa Fé".....Murrell
Overture....."Tender".....Kosinski
Selection....."The Grand".....Evan Caryll
Chorus....."Jolly Negroes".....Borger
Selection....."Patience".....Sullivan
Waltz....."Reverie".....Follet
Dance....."Slovonic".....Dvorak
"God Save the King."

MENU.
Hors d'Oeuvres
Caviare and Olive Croutons.
SOUP.
Birds' Nest.
FISH.
Scalloped.
ENTREES.
Mutton Cutlets a la Westminster
Lobster a la Americaine
Chicken and Macaroni Pudding.
CUDRY.
Goa.
JOINTS.
Roast Sirloin of Beef and Horseradish
Roast Turkey and Asparagus Sauce
Boiled York Ham and Champagne Sauce
Cold Spiced Beef and Mixed Salad.
SWEET.
Baked Chestnut Custard Pudding
Diplomate Ice Cream and Chocolate Cake
Apple Tart
Topsy Cake.
DESSERT.
Coffee
Fruit.

COOLIES FOR THE RAND.

Though it has already been announced from London that the final form of the contract under which coolies will be shipped to South Africa has been drawn up to the satisfaction of the home Government, there is no appearance here yet of a start being made with the embarkation of the labourers. Two transport steamers are now ready to receive the emigrants, and a third, the *Ikbal*, has just arrived here for fitting-out. Other two, it is stated, will arrive shortly and proceed to northern ports to embark coolies.

It is interesting to note the views of Lt. Colonel Kenneth Ross, the well-known Eastern mining expert, with regard to the Chinese labour question. He says he has seen how well Chinese labour has worked for many years in the Malay Peninsula. As managing director of a mining syndicate Colonel Ross has employed natives speaking ten different languages—Chinese, Siamese, Burmese, Hindustanis, and many other races. "Of these," he said, "as patient, plodding, peaceable, law-abiding citizens the Chinese certainly came first." In other parts of the world, such as the West Indies, thousands of British Indian subjects have been employed for scores of years under conditions less favourable to the labourers than those now proposed for the Chinese with. out any cry of "slavery" being raised. "It is to be deplored," continued the Colonel, "that many in Great Britain never rise above party considerations. Whether rightly or wrongly, we have taken the Transvaal from the Boers, and it remains for us to develop this great Imperial asset. In importing Chinese to South Africa we make them free men, not slaves. Let me give you an illustration of what I mean. Close to the boundary of British territory in the Malay States there was about sixty years ago a Chinese coolie who shovelled tin at a shilling a day of nine hours, feeding, lodging, and clothing himself out of that sum. His grandson is now the Rajah of —, owns about four thousand square miles of territory, including several rich mines which are his own property, and is part proprietor of thirteen steamers. I have travelled in company with a freshly caught 'slave' and seen him later return, after working in the mines, a prosperous man. Under the compound system the native workmen are infinitely better housed, fed, and looked after than they would be in their own plague-stricken villages." Colonel Ross has no doubt that the Chinese will work underground, provided they are dealt with tactfully in the first instance and due account is taken of their secret societies.

CONCERT AT KOWLOON DOCKS.

A very successful concert took place in the Reading Room on Wednesday evening before a large and appreciative audience. The Chair was very ably filled by the Chief Manager, Mr. W. B. Dixon, who was supported by Mr. Robert Witzell, Manager Kowloon Docks, and Mr. F. Mumford, Lloyd's Surveyor. Advantage was taken of the occasion to present some very handsome prizes kindly subscribed by the visitors to the Dock Quadrille Parties held during the past season, in which Messrs N. Mumford and G. L. Duncan took a leading part. The prize-winners were Miss Stewart, 1st, and Mrs. Ewing, 2nd, in the ladies' tennis singles (handicap); the billiard champion being Mr. Cross, with Mr. Herten as runner-up. The programme, which consisted of songs and instrumental music, was very creditably performed, the comic element being well sustained by Messrs. Burnett and Walston who fairly brought the house down with their eccentricities. Mr. Grace was heard to perfection on the violin and banjo, while Messrs. Hume and Edwards sang very effectively, and the committee hope to obtain their services on some future occasions. The musical selections by Messrs. Sibbit, Duncan, Squair, Lupton, and Miss Stewart were well received. Mrs. Coggin played a brilliant selection as an overture on the piano in her usual finished style, while Messrs. Mumford and Ramsay also contributed to the entertainment. Votes of thanks to the artists and the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

POLICE PRESENTATION.

P.C. John Godfrey has been pensioned after long service, and leaves for home shortly. Yesterday he received two presentations from his police comrades.

In the first instance Chief Inspector H. G. Baker addressed Mr. Godfrey, saying that on the eve of Mr. Godfrey's departure for home the members of the police force had asked him to meet them there (in the billiard room Central Police Station) to present him with a token of the sentiments generally felt in the Force on his retirement on a pension—a memento of his service with them in the Hongkong Police Force. Mr. Godfrey had joined the Force on the 15th May, 1889, and therefore had served 15 years with them. During this period it had been continued service, as he had not taken advantage of nine months' leave on an occasion that he might have done so. He had become a very familiar figure with them, because of his having been attached to the Magistracy as Court Constable for something like 12 years up to the date of his pension. Before he joined the Police Force he had been 12 years in the Army, a soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the old 91st. He had, altogether, completed over 25 years under the Crown. They hoped he would enjoy long life at home and do well. Mr. Baker then presented Mr. Godfrey with a purse of sovereigns and a meerschaum pipe. Afterwards the members of the staff of the Magistracy presented Mr. Godfrey with a gold ring. Mr. Abdul Samad, interpreter, acting as spokesman. Mr. Godfrey replied, thanking them all round sincerely.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 20th May.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

CONSPIRACY.

Evidence was resumed in the case in which Ng Tsung, an old Chinaman, and Hon Him, his wife, were charged with conspiracy to pervert the course of law and justice by procuring the release of a plot of Government ground at Mat (the lessee being in fact dead), by which means the lease was allowed by the Squatters' Board; the man was also charged with committing several fraudulent acts before the Board, thereby obtaining the lease.

They pleaded not guilty, and were defended by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. Paget Hett, solicitor, of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's office). The prosecution was conducted by Hon. Sir Henry S. Berkeley, Attorney-General (instructed by Mr. F. B. D. Bowley, Crown Solicitor). The following jury heard the case:—Messrs. H. C. Cunningham, F. W. White, S. E. Moses, J. T. d'Almeida e Castro, R. Walpole, A. Schindlhorn, and L. Kerr.

The evidence for the Crown had been completed on Thursday. For the prisoners, the defence set up was that they acted in good faith, and that the occupiers of the land in question had for many years past invariably adopted the name of Chan Cheung (the name of the late lessee) in the same way as they had done.

The jury after a short absence found both prisoners guilty on the first count by six to one. His Lordship in passing sentence said they had had a very careful trial. He quite agreed with the verdict of the jury that these two people had been cleverly plotting to deceive the Squatters' Board and get a Crown lease to which they had not the shadow of a title. Had they been the son and daughter of the deceased lessee, his Lordship could have understood them thinking they had some sort of right to use his name. But they had no right at all. They were perfect strangers on this land, and had never had in any way a lease from the deceased man. They got it either from his young son or from the man who alleged he was the purchaser. If they had disclosed the true facts to the Squatters' Board the Board would never have given them a Crown lease. They had done a very wrong and wicked thing, and his Lordship had no doubt that the Government had been cheated out of dozens of such claims which had not been found out and could not be found out. It was a very important thing to the public that people should know they could not do these things with impunity and then be found not guilty. They would each go to prison with hard labour for twelve months. He thought the female prisoner was the worse of the two.

This closed the Sessions.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUNISH JUDGE).

WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

W. Lansdowne, late stage manager with Leavitt's Entertainers, sued M. B. Leavitt, proprietor of the company, for \$1,000 in respect of wrongful dismissal in Hongkong on 15th April. Mr. O. D. Thomson, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. D. V. Stevenson, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, & Deacon, solicitors, for the defendant.

The evidence of the plaintiff Lansdowne was taken *de bene esse*, as he is in hospital suffering from typhoid fever. It appeared that during the performance in the Theatre Royal on the day in question some trouble arose between the plaintiff and Madame Zancig, one of the company. She wanted the stage cleared, and he told the property boy to do it. To this Madame Zancig objected, as the property boy was supposed to go down among the audience and respond to her husband's call for volunteers to be put under his hypnotic influence. She told the boy to go down to the auditorium. A dispute followed. Madame Zancig complained to her husband that Lansdowne had insulted her. Professor Zancig challenged Lansdowne about the affair. In the course of the altercation that followed Lansdowne shook his fist at Zancig, whereupon, plaintiff alleged, Zancig struck him on the eye. On the afternoon of the next day, Lansdowne was standing in the bar at the City Hall when Leavitt happened to pass. Plaintiff asked him if he had decided whether he (Lansdowne) or Zancig was in the wrong. Leavitt said he had made enquiries and had come to the conclusion that Lansdowne was in the wrong and that he had not spoken to Zancig about it. Lansdowne then said, "You are nothing better than a louse." Leavitt replied, "You're finished right here," and gave him his discharge.

His Lordship held that as there was a contract between the parties there was no justification for the dismissal; the expression complained of was used in the bar and not in the theatre proper. He accordingly gave judgment for the plaintiff for \$400 with costs.

Financially, Australia seems to be always at one of two extremes—either lavishly spending millions or carefully economising hundreds. At present prodigality is succeeded by parsimony. The Government of Victoria has found itself unable to recommend Parliament to continue to Lady Berry the pension of £500 per annum enjoyed by her husband, the late Sir Graham Berry, who, after having held the offices of Premier, Speaker, and Agent-General in London, recently died, leaving behind him only four hundred odd pounds. Many stories could be told of the vicissitudes of Australian political life. There is a case on record of an Attorney-General applying for the humble post of caretaker of a police court—and failing to get it!

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 20th May.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

TROUBLE AT THE WESTERN HOTEL.

Carl Shulte, proprietor of the Western Hotel, was charged by Johann Selanke, a ship's carpenter, with assault.

The plaintiff said that he owed defendant about \$40. When plaintiff visited hotel at the time in question defendant asked him when he was going to pay. The plaintiff replied that he could not pay then, as he was out of work, whereupon defendant assaulted him and threatened to throw him downstairs. Defendant struck him on the head with something hard, causing a wound that necessitated his going to the Government Civil Hospital. He damaged his clothes, also, to the extent of \$25.

Evidence for the defence showed that plaintiff had been asked to pay the money he owed. He refused and was ordered to leave the house. Defendant was fined \$10.

DYNAMITE.

A man charged with unlawfully carrying dynamite overland from China without a permit was discharged.

VAGRANT.

A South American vagrant was sentenced to the House of Detention.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE).

A HARDENED CASE.

A Madras woman, who has been before the Magistrate about a score of times before, was charged with being drunk and incapable. \$1 or four days.

DEFIANT GERMAN.

A German, charged with being drunk and incapable, was found to be a vagrant. He was sentenced to the House of Detention.

MARINE COURT.

Friday, 20th May.

BEFORE HON. CAPT. L. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

THE "HART" COLLISION.

The hearing of the H.M. destroyer *Hart*—launched *Lai Wo* collision case was continued. It was opened, as will be remembered, on the 17th inst., when Kwok Liu Shing, master of the steam-launch *Lai Wo*, was charged with failing to observe the rule of the road, thereby occasioning a collision with H.M.S. *Hart*.

Lieut.-Commander Robert Newton said he saw the steamer on his port bow, about 300 yards distant, and watched her carefully to see what she would do. She did not alter her steering in any way, nor did she appear to ease her speed. When collision was inevitable he stopped the engines and went full speed astern. He was struck 30 feet from the stern on the port side, his craft being 194 feet long. His helm was not altered from the time when he first sighted the launch. Her whistle was used, but not to represent any authorised signal. He could not see anyone at the wheel of the launch, due probably to an awning spread over the deck. There were several passengers.

The engineer of the launch gave evidence that he was down below in the launch on the day the collision occurred. He usually drove the engines full speed, and was thus steering after they cleared Yamato on the day in question. He went astern on striking the destroyer. Just before that the bell sounded for him to stop the engines.

His Worship said it was a case of negligent navigation—non-conformance with the rule-of-the-road. He fined the defendant \$25 or one month's imprisonment.

DOCK LABOURERS' STRIKE AT MARSEILLES.

M. Champagne, the local agent of the M. M. Company, informs us that the departure of the M.M. steamer *Yarra*, which was scheduled to leave Marseilles on the 1st instant with the French Mail, was delayed by a strike at that place. The departure of the following mail on the 15th has also been delayed by the same reason, but M. Champagne was advised by wire yesterday that the *Yarra* left Marseilles on Wednesday, the 18th, at 6 a.m.

The homeward mail, due to leave here on the 23rd June, will be taken by the M.M. steamer *Himalaya*.

A DEVON "GRAND OLD MAN."

Devonshire residents here will note with interest and regret that Alderman J. May, of Devonport, is dead. Dr. May spent nearly the whole of his long life of 96 years at the Dockyard town. As recently as the 10th March he attended a meeting of the Borough Council, and in a discussion to erect rails around the Admiralty reservoir in the Park, spoke with such vigour and effect that, although he was in a minority on the Park Committee, he succeeded in carrying the Council with him. That was his last public speech. During the following week he was confined to his house with an attack of bronchitis, and though his robust constitution almost shook it off, had a relapse some days later. For a second time he rallied, but, on the 10th ult., passed peacefully away.

The late Dr. May, at the age of 16, was articled to a surgeon, eventually becoming a Licentiate of the Apothecaries Company and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1830. Thirty years later he was elected a Fellow of the latter College. In 1832 he commenced practice at Devonport. He was an alderman for many years, and four times filled the Mayoral chair—1870-71, 1871-72, 1872-73, and 1875-76.

The late Alderman May is, we believe, a relative of Mrs. Grey, wife of Mr. B. W. Grey, of the Public Works Department.

PUNJON MINING CO., LD.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the seventh ordinary general meeting to be held at the office of the company, No. 13, Beaconfield Arcade, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 25th May, at 11 a.m.

Gentlemen,—The Directors have now to submit to you their report on the working of the company and a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

From these it will be seen that the hope expressed in the last report that a more flourishing state of affairs would exist at the end of the year has not been realised, which may be accounted for by the fact that the country comprising the area of our operations has proved to be too broken up, too disturbed by volcanic action, and the surficial land too patchy to be relied upon. To persist in carrying on unremunerative work in this land any longer was therefore not considered expedient.

In view of this fact the directors decided to obtain the opinion of an impartial mining expert to report fully upon the property, which would enable them to determine how much of the concession it would be necessary and advisable to retain and to develop. In pursuit of this decision they negotiated with Mr. C. G. Warford Lock, General Manager of the Rand Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited, who, having consented to undertake the work, made two protracted visits of inspection and has given an exhaustive report with an opinion upon the property, which is hereto appended. This report is considerably enhanced in its importance by the fact of it being compiled after frequent exchanges of views with and from reliable information gained, in regard to the geological formation of the country, from Mr. Scrivener, the Federal Geologist, who accompanied Mr. Lock throughout.

The directors recently received notice from the Government of Peking that no exemption for non-compliance with the Labour Clause of the lease would be made for the year 1903, and that if the company was not prepared to provide the necessary amount of working capital to carry out genuine development work within six months from the 1st March last, the lease would be liable to forfeiture.

The future of the company depends on the value of the promising reefs discovered in the northern portion of the concession and referred to in paragraphs 31 to 37 in Mr. Lock's report. The directors therefore are loath to advise the shareholders to abandon the property without an attempt being made to get back some of the capital sunk in the southern district. Owing to the low state of the company's finances, the directors deemed it prudent in March last to "shut down" rather than incur the responsibility of debt; consequently a telegram was despatched to the manager at the mines instructing him to "shut down as soon as possible." No further work was afterwards done; the foreign staff and Asiatic labourers were paid off; all accounts and outstandings settled; and the property is now entrusted to the care of Mr. Hangan and three policemen.

Mr. Thos. Howard, having been compelled to leave for England owing to ill-health, applied for leave of absence and subsequently sent out a letter of resignation. Mr. W. C. Jack was invited to join the Board, and sat until his departure for home last month.

B. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Chairman.

The accounts are as follows:—

BALANCE SHEET.

31st December, 1903.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

Authorized Capital—
60,000 ordinary shares at \$1 \$60,000.00
30,000 preference shares at \$1 30,000.00
690,000.00

Paid-up Capital—
49,310 ordinary shares at \$1 \$49,310.00
5,577 ordinary shares at 1/5 5,577.00
6,975 ordinary shares at \$10 69,750.00
680 ordinary shares at \$9 (forfeited) 6,120.00
350 ordinary shares not allotted 3,150.00
60,000 29,964 preference shares at \$1 29,964.00
1/30 not allotted 3,964.00

30,500 Marine Insurance 1,900.48
Accounts Payable 9,065.47
\$683,180.45

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

Cost of estate on last account \$165,379.37
Development of Concession—
Main and Kladi Dams 32,456.65
Buildings 20,425.94
Roads and Bridges 12,935.86
72,818.45

Machinery, Plant & Equipment 73,273.43
Cyanide Plant 12,320.27
Portable Trans-line and Trucks 27,947.05
113,540.75

Furniture at Mines 2,117.30
Furniture at Head Office 467.43
2,584.73

Bellock Cuts and Live Stock 71.27
Cash at Hand 13,441.22
Timber on Hand 3,147.05
17,590.15

Accounts Receivable 120.59
Cash at Mines 308.44
Do. Bank, Kuala Lumpur 329.49
Do. Singapore 2,263.31
Do. "in hand at H'k" 13,472.70
16,501.92

Gold Bullion in Transit (estimated value) 4,773.32
Less advances received 4,273.32
500.00

Working Account, balance at debt 31st December, 1902 201,000.00
Working Loss for year ending 31st December, 1903 43,436.89
\$244,436.89

WORKING ACCOUNT.

Year ending 31st December, 1903.

Dr. To Operations at Mines \$49,067.00
To Fees to Sultan of Pahang 1,200.00
To Promoting 10,840.01
General Management and Expenses 12,955.45
To General Manager 3,841.53
Pangloss Office Expenses 1,834.91
Royalty on Gold 5,235.17
Salaries, Wages & Head Office Charges 438.51
Insurance 767.54
Telegrams 146.14
Agency Fees 2,400.00
Directors' and Auditor's Fees 5,151.00
Personal Accounts at Mines, written off as bad 263.52
\$85,094.72

By Return of Gold Winnings \$49,067.00
Interest 347.85
Transfer Fees 44.00
\$49,458.85

Balance Loss as per Balance Sheet \$35,635.87

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.

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RUSSIAN OPINION ON THE TIBET MISSION.

The S. Petersburg journal *Novosti*, in an article on the British Mission to Tibet, expresses the opinion that the German Press will not succeed in provoking a dispute between Great Britain and Russia on the subject. If Great Britain, says the journal, solely intends to open up Tibet to foreigners, no one can raise any objection, seeing that the whole world is at present politically in favour of open doors. Even if Great Britain aimed at obtaining exclusive control over Tibet, Russia would, presumably, not show herself any more sensible thereto than to the predominance of British influence in Afghanistan, the position of which is much more important to Russia's possessions in Central Asia than is that of Tibet. Russia must, therefore, conclude the journal, continue to follow calmly the development of the Tibet question, without attributing to it any particular gravity, or regarding it as an obstacle to the desirable rapprochement between her and Great Britain.

PHANTOM ISLANDS.

NON-EXISTENT PART OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Among the red dots on the map denoting the Empire upon which the sun never sets is a group of islands to the south of Australia bearing the name of the Royal Company Islands. These have hitherto appeared on the Admiralty charts as a group of four or five specks, the exact position being lat. 50.20 S., long. 143.0 E. In atlases they have the red line beneath them which is usually taken to mean that the British flag has been hoisted there. Now the Admiralty has issued a "notice to mariners" headed "Royal Company Islands—non-existence." The original report of their discovery cannot be traced, nor have they apparently been seen by passing vessels. However, on dark nights vessels sailing in their supposed neighbourhood have set a course to clear them, and the look-out has watched for "breakers-ahead." Certain matters have come to the notice of the Admiralty, which has led it to expunge the islands from the charts, the most convincing testimony being that of the captain of the *Matatua*, which passed right over their alleged position in 1800. Thus it is that the copper chart plates on which the islands are engraved will be filed and burned at the spot where the ghostly natives of the phantom Royal Company Islands once enjoyed the privileges of being under British protection.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER.

The S.S. *Queenland* from Singapore. *Etaine* from Sabang, and *Prometheus* and *Johanne* from Bangkok report fine weather.

The *Loongang* from Manila reports fine weather. The P. & O. *Chusan* from Shanghai experienced fine weather. The Hamburg-America *Loongang* from Shanghai experienced strong N.E. wind at the outset, but fine latterly.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The S.S. *Queenland* and *Etaine* have arrived from Barry with cargo of coal.

The *Prometheus* arrived from Bangkok yesterday with 1,900 tons of cargo for Messrs. Sander, Weller & Co.

The *Johanne*, from Bangkok yesterday, brought 1,850 tons of rice for Messrs. Jebson & Co.

The *Dory* also from Bangkok, has 1,300 tons of rice for Messrs. Wing Yuen.

The *Sansen* (Oriental Line) from Bangkok brought 2,400 tons of rice for Messrs. Butterfield & Swire.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

22nd May, Whit Sunday.
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Goodson; Proper Psalms, XLVIII (Co-ke); LXVIII (Croft) and Cooke; To Deum, Lawes, Cooke, and Hopkins; Benedicite, Turle in F; Anthem, "God is a Spirit" Bonnett.

Holy Communion (12 noon).
Kyrie, Stainer in E flat; Hymns, 155 and 156.
Evensong (5.45 p.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Proper Psalms, CIV (Smart and Turle); CXIV (Cooke); Magnificat, Elvey in A; Anne Dainton, Garrett in D; Anthem, "Come, Holy Ghost"—Attwood; Hymns, 154 and 152; Stainer's "Amen."

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

Queen's Road West.
Whit Sunday.
Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.
Matins (11 a.m.)

Venite, Smart; To Deum, Gregory; Benedicite, Smart; Hymns, 157, 169, 154, and 170.
Evensong (6.30 p.m.)

Magnificat, Turle; Nunc, Jones; Hymns, 158, 163, 159, and 206.

Holy Communion, 7.45 p.m.
The Church launch *Mypping* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6); returning afterwards.

The Answering Penitent is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10-10.45 a.m.

GOSPEL HALL.

Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.

Meetings are held as follows—Sunday—Acts 2, 43, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday—Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m. Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Sunday—Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.



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AGENT Wanted on commission in Hongkong to represent a Manchester Firm of Manufacturers & Shippers in White Shirtings, Dyed Cotton Linings, Worsted Border & Cotton Italian, Cotton Brocades, Cotton Spanish Stripes, Canton Cloths, Cretannes, &c. State full particulars, references, and commission expected, to "Cotton," c/o W. H. Smith & Son, Advertising Agents, Manchester, England. [1296]

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Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [1293]

FOR SALE.

NOS. 1, 2 or 3, STEWART TERRACE,
The Peak.
Apply to—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [1294]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

WHITSUNTIDE HOLIDAYS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY and TUESDAY next, the 23rd and 24th instant.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary. [1298]

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA are prepared, during suspension of their Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice, to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVERLAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES and CANADA in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Charter Road.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager. [1299]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED,

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"DARDANUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Cais, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Cais or Godown and after the 21st inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be retained at 11 a.m. on the 27th inst., will be subject to sale.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents. [1301]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and **CHINA OVERLAND TRADEREPORT** now ready and contains—

Leading Articles—

Progress of the War.

The War and International Politics.

Hongkong's Fire-Fighting Service.

Hongkong's Jointings.

The War: Telegrams.

Hongkong Legislative Council.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

Dallas Co., at the Theatre Royal.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on

TUESDAY,
the 31st May, 1904, at Noon, alongside Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO.'S WHARF, The Screw Steamer

"**SZE WUI**"
(Lately running between Hongkong and Kowloon, and now lying at Yau Ma Tei).

HULL—Teakwood. Built by Ngai Sun & Co., Hongkong, in 1902. Register Tonnage, Gross 97, Nett 57.

Length over all, 115 feet. Between Perpendiculars, 108 feet. Extreme breadth, 13 feet. Depth of Hold, 7 feet.

Draft with full dead weight Cargo and full Tankers—7 1/2 feet aft, 6 1/2 feet forward. Two Holds and two Boats. Two Ports on either side for working Cargo. Awaiting Deck fore and aft and Bulwarks built up to top Deck.

A Hongkong Government Licence to carry 175 Passengers can be obtained.

ENGINE—Built by Ngai Sun & Co. Type—Compound Surface Condensing H.P. Cylinder 12 1/2 in. Low Pressure Cylinder 24 in. Stroke 1 1/2 in. Revolutions per minute 135.

BOILER—Built by Ngai Sun & Co. Type—Horizontal Multitubular. Built in 1902 to Board of Trade Rules for a Working Pressure of 115 lbs. per square inch.

Messrs. J. A. W. & Co., Engineers, have just completed a thorough overhaul and the Steamer is in Good Working Order.

TERMS—As usual.

For Further Particulars, apply to—
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [1301]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"**ZIETEN**"
Captain B. Wilhelm, due here with the outward German Mail about TUESDAY, at 6 p.m. will leave for the above places about 12 1/2 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For Further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [5]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"**LIGHTNING**,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above ports on THURSDAY, the 26th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1278]

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK

via SUEZ CANAL.
(With liberty to call at Philippine Ports).

THE Steamship

"**SENECA**,"
will be despatched as above on or about the 15th June.

S.S. "SCHUYLKILL" on or about the 1st July.

For Freight or further information, apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK.

Oriental Freight Department.
Hongkong, 21st May, 1904. [1303]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE AND SHANGHAI

THE Steamship

"**MARQUIS BAQUEHEM**,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk, by the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underwriter before Noon, on the 27th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th May, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SANDER WIEBER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [3]

WANTED.

A Clerk Wanted.

Apply by letter, to—
W. BREWER & CO.,
Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1288]

WANTED.

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.

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RETURN SEASON

TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), MAY 21.

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MONDAY, MAY 23.

"THE SIGN OF THE CROSS."

TUESDAY, MAY 24.

"THE GEISHA."

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Late Tram after each Performance.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1904. [1307]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th May, 1904, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903, the election of Directors and Auditor, and to consider the future financial arrangements for carrying on the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. LOWE,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [1244]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st JUNE, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th May to the 1st June, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1904. [1235]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 26th May, 1904, commencing at 2.45 p.m., at "DELVEDERE," PLANTATION ROAD, The Peak,
(THE RESIDENCE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE),
A QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
(Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash on delivery.
On View from Wednesday, the 25th May, 1904.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904. [1291]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Underigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TODAY (SATURDAY),
the 20th and 21st May, 1904, commencing each day at 2.30 p.m., at No. 52, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, known as

THE WHOLE OF THE
VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
(mostly of Mariburk and Hall and Holtz makes).
Comprising—

Very Fine CANTON BLACKWOOD TABLE, COUCH, CHAIRS, STOOLS, &c. SADDLE-BACK and PLUSH COVERED SOFAS and ARMCHAIRS, VELVET and PLUSH COVERED EASY CHAIRS, FINE STEEL ENGRAVINGS, OIL PAINTINGS and WATER COLOURS, WHITE LACE CURTAINS, VELVET PILE CARPETS (almost New) and RUGS, VASES and ORNAMENTS, &c. &c.

Handsomely-carved TEAK SIDEBOARD, OVERMANTELS and DINING TABLE, CONSULE GLASS, MOROCCO COVERED CHAIRS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, GLASS and CUTLERY and VELVET PILE STAIR and HALL CARPETS (almost New), &c. &c.

TEAK WAR ROBES, with GLASS DOORS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAUX, with BEVELLED MIRRORS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, FINELY-CARVED TEAK BEDSTEPS, PLUSH-CARVED BEDROOM SUITES, &c. &c. &c.

Also
TWO COTTAGE PIANOS by Rachals (In Good Condition).
On View from Thursday, the 19th May. Catalogues will be issued.

Terms—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1904. [1248]

A. LING & CO.,

FURNITURE STORE.

PLATED, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, &c. &c.; and FOCHOH LACQUERED WARE.

68, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1903. [31]

NOTICES OF REMOVAL

THE HEAD AGENCY OF THE JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

THE OFFICES of the above Steamship Company have This Day been REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 3rd FLOOR.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1133]

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK,
LLD. (Proprietors of David Storer & Co.), have REMOVED to ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS (3rd Floor).

W. D. GRAHAM, Manager.
Hongkong, 10th April, 1904. [1157]

INSURANCES

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

THE Underigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [199]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

THE Underigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAPEAK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. [129]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO. FIRE AND LIFE.

ESTABLISHED 1833.

THE Underigned are prepared to accept First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSURANCE. Prospectuses on application.

TURNER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [267]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1902, £16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 287,500 0 0
II. FIRE FUNDS... 2,867,215 11 10

THE Underigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. [1883]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON.

INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Underigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept risks at current rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th April, 1904. [1121]

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Underigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO.,
Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [1216]

UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Underigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [105]

BANK HOLIDAYS.

THE Exchange Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on 23rd and 24th instant, "WHIT MONDAY" and "VICTORIA DAY" respectively.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1272]

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.'S STORE will be CLOSED next MONDAY and TUESDAY, ("WHIT MONDAY" and "VICTORIA DAY"). Customers are respectfully asked to make their necessary purchases on Saturday, the 21st instant.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [1282]

ROYAL AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY.

PRODUCE the Highest Class AERATED WATERS in the Far East on account of their High Class Machinery and also of the superior ingredients they use in the manufacture of their goods, and the cleanliness, &c., are all under strict supervision of Europeans only.

REPORT OF AN EXPERT.
The representative of Messrs. BRATBY and HINCHLIFFE, LIMITED, Aerated Water Engineers and Chemists, Manchester, visited our factory recently in the course of a tour amongst Eastern Aerated Water Makers, and was greatly surprised at the compactness of our factory and also the methodical way in which everything pertaining to the making of Aerated Waters was carried out. He also expressed himself strongly on the absolute cleanliness of our whole establishment, which he assured us was equal to any he had visited and superior to a great many. He also reported that the quality of our goods was of a first-class nature, and they showed that scrupulous care was exercised in the course of their manufacture.

Order Books and Price List. Please apply to FACTORY and OFFICE, West Point. Tel. 567. Depot, 100 Horse Street, Tel. 374.

DR. V. DANENBERG & F. DANENBERG,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [122]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. BUTTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 33, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903.

BANKS

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

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THE

ROBINSON
PIANO Co. LD.

INVITE INSPECTION OF SOME

SPECIALLY FINE

SAMPLES OF

UPRIGHT PIANOS

BY

RACHALS.

STUART. & C.

AND

BABY
GRANDS

BY WINKELMANN

(ESTAB. 1837)

THEY ARE ONLY 5 FEET LONG,
OCCUPYING THE SPACE OF A
COTTAGE, BUT WITH THE FINE
APPEARANCE AND TONE OF A
FULL GRAND.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1904.

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MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD
AND ENGINE WORKS,
NAGASAKI.CODE WORD: "DOCK," NAGASAKI.
A.I. A.B.C., Etc., and Engineering Code

DOCK No. 1 (at TATEGAMI).
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LAGDEN'S LUCK.
(A STRANGE LOVE STORY).

TOM GALLON.

(Author of "Tatterley," "The Mystery of John
Peppercorn," &c.)

SYNOPSIS OF INSTALLMENTS I TO VI.—Mr. Clement Frith, a Commission Agent, living in Kensington, finds himself in rather low water. His daughter Dora tries several means by which to make him love her, but does not succeed until she takes in a letter, a weekly letter, the name of Lagden, and with an air of mystery about him. On his being taken ill one day a doctor is summoned who tells them their lodger is past recovery. Lagden makes no reply, but his property, including a diamond, is left in the house. It appears that Frith gives his consent to this strange request before he informs his daughter of it. After a conversation with the dying man, Dora refuses to marry him. Lagden, however, persists in his consent, a clergyman is called, and the ceremony performed. Lagden afterwards gives the girl a packet which, he says, must not be opened until the right time. On hearing this, Dora, in the possession of Joseph Lagden, Jamp Nudds, the servant at Frith's, makes the acquaintance of Jake Mealing, who, while out one evening, contrives to get from the girl all the information she can concerning her father. Lagden, on their return, he feigns illness, and asks to be allowed to go into the house and rest. Jane is called out of the kitchen by her mother, and Mealing goes the opportunity to conceal himself, afterwards following Clement Frith upstairs. Frank Dora determines, after hearing the story of the diamond, to see Dora again, thinking she may be in danger through its possession. He writes to her asking for an interview. But she, who has been requested by Jane Nudds, finds his letter and, after reading it, goes to see him. The next morning she persuades Dora to go to Kensington Gardens, where she meets Frank, and he tells her of the discovery he has made concerning her mother's being her father's daughter. She tells him that she has the diamond, and that she has been followed by her father's house. While Dora was absent, her father had gone to her room and stolen the diamond. Making an excuse to his mother for going out, he takes it to a jeweller. Being so intent on his errand, he fails to notice that he is being followed by his son, and by Jake Mealing. Arriving at the dealer's, the man tells him of the great value of the diamond. He has bought it for a third of the value. Meanwhile, he advances Frith one hundred pounds on his share of the stone.

CHAPTER VII.
DR. SIMS LAYS A TRAIL.
The Dr. Sims who had made so unfortunate a blunder in regard to Mr. Lagden was a very remarkable man. In all probability, had his credentials been enquired into, some doubt might have been thrown upon the fact of his being a doctor at all. It will be remembered that he had been found, at the suggestion of Mr. Joseph Lagden, at a place which did not look in the least like a surgery; let it be admitted at once, for the purpose of this history, that he was no doctor at all, and had no right to the title.

Mr. Nathaniel Sims had had an adventurous career. The only son of respectable parents, he had started out into the world as a solicitor's clerk, and had, by dint of industry and attention to his business, become a full-blown solicitor in course of time. Whether or not the supposed respectable parents had in them some seeds of recovery, it is impossible to say; certain it is that Mr. Nathaniel Sims—subjected to a sudden temptation in regard to certain trust money—misused that trust money, and appropriated it to his own schemes. As it happened, he threw a family of orphans helpless upon the world; stood in a criminal dock for his pains; and went away, at the expense of his country, for a number of years.

It is probable that, had the man been given a fresh chance, he might have done well. But his occupation was gone; he had grown helpless, hopeless, and desperate. The crowning point of all his miserable business was his meeting with Lagden.

Joseph Lagden was "an old hand"; every prison in England was a home to him; he knew the business backwards. He went into prison, and out again, and in again, quite in the ordinary course of events. He was lucky if he kept out; it was a very ordinary accident if he came to be convicted, and got in again.

He knew how to communicate with Sims, by those signs known only to old prisoners. Working on the coast at Portland, he managed by signs and whispers to get into communication with the other man; recognised in him one of superior education, who might be useful. Sims, for his part—embittered against the world, and feeling himself to be an outcast—had no hesitation in joining forces with the other.

It happened that their sentences expired at about the same time; two of the great outcasts of the world, they marched shoulder to shoulder from that day onwards. Now and then one would disappear for a space, and then perhaps the other; but they always came together, for however brief a time, in the end.

In furtherance of that plot with which the roads had been made acquainted, Nathaniel Sims took on the new role of doctor for an hour or two. Lagden knew where he was to be found, and Sims had already received some instructions as to the part he was to play. He was gentlemanly and professional in manner; no doubt could possibly be cast upon him. And that partnership which had existed between the two gaoled birds for so long was not to be broken now; Nathaniel Sims was to receive his share of the proceeds of the diamond, in the ordinary course.

Where the diamond had come from, Sims did not know; for Lagden never told him. He had a horrible suspicion that blood had been shed in the getting of it; but that did not concern him. He was in the plot, and although he did not understand clearly what Lagden's plans were, he had faith in him, and believed that he would receive his share in due time.

Some three days went by, and Mr. Nathaniel Sims began to get anxious. Lagden had not kept his promise, the room in the house where Sims temporarily lived, and which had been occupied by Lagden's retreat, had not been occupied. It was the first time, in all his long experience of the old gaoled bird, that the man had failed him.

He waited impatiently—almost afraid to venture out, and yet determined to know what had happened. Was it possible that Lagden, having married the girl, had changed his course of life, and meant to have done with shady ways?

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Or was it possible that the temptation of the wonderful stone had been too great, and that he had determined to have it all for himself? At that last thought, Nathaniel Sims swore a bitter oath, and set out to find his man.

Obviously, his best plan was to appear at the house in Diprose Square in the character in which he was known. Accordingly, with his best professional manner, he called at the house, and enquired for Mr. Clement Frith. It was the afternoon of the day following that on which Mr. Clement Frith had abstracted the diamond.

After some little delay, during which Miss Nudds parleyed with him on the doorstep, he was admitted to the presence of Mr. Clement Frith. He noticed that Mr. Frith appeared to be very nervous, and a little suspicious regarding his visitor.

"Come in," said Mr. Frith, waving his hand toward a chair. "We—we have been quite anxious to see you."

"Nothing wrong, I hope?" said Sims, sitting himself, and keeping his eyes on the other man.

"Indeed, sir, everything is wrong," broke out Mr. Clement Frith testily. "In short, I may say that nothing is right."

"I'm sorry to hear that," said Sims. "You have, I suppose, made arrangements in regard to the funeral?"

Mr. Clement Frith rose suddenly, and shook a fist across the table at Nathaniel Sims. "Frith, sir, how dare you! You come into my house; you lure me into a false position; you tell me that a certain man is going to die within a given time! What on earth do you mean by it? Your man refuses to die; and all my arrangements are upset."

"He didn't die?" asked Sims, with a grin behind his hand.

"Certainly not. So far as I am aware, the man is very much alive; he escaped from the house that very night, and has not been seen since."

"Well, I'm sorry I made a mistake," said Mr. Sims quietly. "The best of us are apt to err, you know. However, I dare say he has compensated you, and your daughter."

"My good man," said Mr. Clement Frith severely, "what would you say, if I told you that this Mr. Lagden, so far from compensating either myself for my trouble, or my daughter—my dear daughter, Dr. Sims—for the way in which he has trifled with her young affections, absolutely left the place without paying what was due to me, for board and lodging, and the necessities of existence, without even a word of explanation?"

Dr. Sims pondered, with his lean chin in his hand. "I should say," he said at last, looking up at Mr. Clement Frith, "that it was a lie."

Mr. Clement Frith came down in a moment from his pedestal. After a few lame movements with his hands, and after opening his mouth once or twice, as if to say something—desperate, he snarled feebly, sat down, and wagged his head feebly at his visitor.

"Forgive me—excuse it all, I beg," he said. "Anxiety for my daughter, and for her future (I am sure you will understand) and for her future, has made me a little over-zealous. You know nothing; a mere sudden romantic affection on her part has unnerved me. You—you know something; you know where this man is to be found. May I implore your help? Won't you—won't you take something?"

"I will take from you, Mr. Frith, something left behind by my friend Lagden," said Sims, in a low voice, as he leaned forward across the table. "Shall we call it a certain precious stone—value unknown?"

Mr. Clement Frith flushed, started, and stared at the other man. Believing (as was true) that this was a mere guess on the part of Sims, he deemed it wise to bluster a little, and so frowned, shook his head, and brought down a weak hand, as if he could not see the little tale.

"Don't tell me, sir, that this man Lagden left nothing behind him?" he said. "I don't understand this talk of precious stones, and—"

"Oh, yes, you do," said the other quietly. "Our friend Lagden married your daughter for some purpose we don't understand. I can only guess what that purpose was: I believe that it was in order that he might conceal a certain diamond which had come into his possession. The idea of his death was a plot, concocted between us; the man is no more dead than you are. He wanted to escape from prison, and he hid himself in the house. He had taken such pains to get hold of the diamond, he believed it to be in your daughter's possession. If I know anything of her father, he is not likely to have left it in that lady's possession long; and I want it."

"Whatever I hold in trust for my daughter, as the wife of Mr. Lagden, I shall hold with much tenacity," said Mr. Clement Frith, seeing that this was but guess-work on the part of his visitor. "A sacred trust, sir, and one which I shall not violate. As for your talk about diamonds, I repeat that I know nothing about them."

And nothing about Mr. Joseph Lagden, recently lodged in this house, and the husband of your daughter?" asked Sims slowly.

"I know absolutely nothing about him," said Mr. Clement Frith. "I acknowledge that I am indignant, when I remember the fashion in which he has treated my beloved daughter; but I would prefer to forget him."

"You know what I mean, Frith," said Nathaniel Sims slowly. "This man and I, to put it bluntly, are partners in a big scheme; your daughter is a pawn in the game. The man has done me," he added, in a hoarse whisper, "some of the best service I have ever had. I believe that he has left the diamond of which I speak in your daughter's hands; he has merely used her as a blind. So, for the present, until I find Lagden, I'll stick to you—and to young Mrs. Lagden."

The door opened quietly, and Dora came in. Evidently she had expected to find her father alone; she drew back a little, and hesitated. Then, seeing the mysterious doctor standing there, she came quickly in, and closed the door. She had not seen the man since the night of her marriage.

"Sims made an ironical bow. "Your servant," said Mr. Lagden, with a grin. "I came to inquire about your husband."

"Have you seen him?" she asked quickly.

"I have not," replied Sims. "Your father also appears to be ignorant of his whereabouts. I suppose I shall hear the same tale from you."

"I have not seen Mr. Lagden since the night you were here," said the girl steadily.

"I thought you'd say that," retorted the man. "Now, look here, you may as well hear what I've told your father already. You think you're going to get the better of me; you've made a mistake; I know too much for the pair of you. Come, waiting present."

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"Well, I've narrowed this thing down a bit," he said, with a laugh. "I thought I'd bring it home to one or other of you; and I've done it. Lagden beat away, I'll play the game alone. You've got into the wrong hands, my pretty innocents," he added, addressing the girl, "and you'll find it out, too, to your cost. It wants a braver and stronger hand than yours to deal with that diamond—for there's death in it, my girl."

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He was gone before they had time to speak. Dora went towards her father, and was about to address him, with a timid hand laid upon his arm, when he broke in petulantly.

"Now, my dear girl, don't worry me! You know perfectly well that my health and my constitution won't stand it. You have muddled the whole business; instead of providing for us, as you might easily have done, for the rest of our days, you have actually permitted your poor old father to be placed in such a position that his very life is threatened. There is only one thing for which I am grateful; that your poor mother did not live to see this day. Don't, I am disappointed in you!"

With these words, Mr. Clement Frith went out of the room, closing the door behind him sharply. He had really managed to evade difficult questions rather neatly; and he began to wonder how best he could employ that sudden windfall of one hundred pounds which had come to him; and began also, incidentally, to build certain castles in the air—castles which were afterwards to be constructed in a more solid form, by the aid of those six dozen about which the dealer had spoken so comfortably.

Meanwhile, Mr. Nathaniel Sims had gone out of the house, meditating revenge. He was absolutely certain in his own mind that the girl, and the father, between them, had outwitted him, and were in possession of the diamond; at the same time, he did not quite know how to set about retaking it. The mere fact that the belief existed in his own mind that the thing was in the house carried him no further; he was no nearer to any satisfactory solution of the business than before. It certainly occurred to him that he might, after darkness had fallen, manage to get back into the house; but, even then, there were many rooms in it, and the diamond was small, and easy to hide; in fact, in all probability, either Mr. Clement Frith or his daughter carried the thing about with them. Baffled and enraged, he went out into the little square, wondering what the next move must be.

There he chanced upon another unexpected phase of the game. Strolling aimlessly up and down, with a cigarette drooping from a corner of his mouth, was Mr. Mealing—furtively placing down at the basement windows from time to time, and apparently in a very undetermined frame of mind. It happened that Mr. Nathaniel Sims and Mr. Jake Mealing had met, in a moment, that Mealing could only be watching that house for some purpose.

On an impulse, he stepped forward quickly, and dropped a hand on the shoulder of Mr. Mealing.

Now, that is not at all a kind thing to do, in the case of a friend who has at any time had anything of a past. It is rather rudely reminiscent of past difficulties, when professional hands have dropped upon one's shoulders in the same way.

Mr. Jake Mealing started, and immediately assumed an air of the most complete innocence; looked round slowly, and gazed into the eyes of Nathaniel Sims. Evidently very much surprised, he laughed in a sickly fashion, and held out a limp hand.

"Well, this is a pleasant surprise!" he exclaimed. "Where are you dropped from, Mr. Sims?"

"Do you suppose I came hanging about here to exchange compliments with you? What are you watching that house for?" He indicated, with a jerk of his thumb over his shoulder, the house he had just left.

"Come to that," said Mr. Mealing aggressively, "you seem angry about 'ere. If you want to know anything about me, I've got a lot of things to tell you. I'm innocent enough, ain't I?"

"Fanny should live at No. 67, isn't it?" sneered Mr. Sims. "Come now, you can't spoof me; what's the lay? If it's what I suspect, it is probable that I am on the same errand; we might help each other."

Let it be admitted at once that Mr. Jake Mealing was not strong—physically, morally, or mentally. He was engaged, at the present time, on a stupendous task, and it was too much for him. He dared not face the ordeal alone; in a crisis some stronger man on whom to lean. In a crisis one acts hurriedly; here was the stronger man, he determined in an evil hour, to trust Mr. Nathaniel Sims.

"I'm all of a twitter," said Mealing, looking round appealingly at his companion. "It ain't no good trying to do anything from you, Mr. Sims; it's just a waste of time. I've got the 'ole business in the 'ole of me' and so to speak, 'I'm afraid to go on; I am indeed.'"

"Trust me, Jake," said Mr. Sims, taking the other's arm. "We'll just stroll back here for a minute, and you can tell me all about it. Be candid, I beg; you shan't lose by it."

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The twilight of a summer evening was coming on—not sufficient to make darkness, but just enough to shroud their figures, as they walked along. Strolling in that fashion, they came back again to the railing outside No. 67. And there, in the most curious fashion, they were overheard.

Miss Jane Nudds had seen that strolling, sauntering figure of Mr. Jake Mealing for some time previously, but she had made up her mind to give the young man a lesson. On the previous evening he had, as she believed, gone out of her house without the most ordinary of farewells; he should learn that that was not the way to treat anyone in the position that Miss Nudds occupied in society. Accordingly, believing that he was laughing and bitterly repaying his discourteous conduct, she had allowed him to wander up and down, and to glance hopelessly at the basement window, for quite a long time. Finding, on looking out, that he had gone away, she was instantly smitten with the fear that she had gone a little too far; in the gathering darkness she came out into the area, just as Jake and Nathaniel Sims strolled back again. Standing immediately underneath them, she heard clearly every word they said; whilst they, for their part, could not possibly have seen her, unless they had craned their necks over the top of the railings.

"It ain't the gel at all," Jake was saying. "I managed to get into the 'ouse last night; I saw the ole chap—the father, I mean—bone the diamond. Follered 'im upstairs, I did, an' see 'im 'ook off with it."

"Then he's got it now!" exclaimed a voice. Miss Nudds seemed to have heard before, and which, on searching her memory, she remembered to have belonged to that mysterious Dr. Sims, who had called but a little time before. "Couldn't we pin him down somewhere, and get the thing?"

"E ain't got it," said Jake Mealing slowly. "I follered him right the way down to Notting Dale last night; I went into a shop you know there—Piper's—in Moon Street. Whether 'e did a deal, or whether 'e didn't, I dunno; but 'e come out, laughin' to 'imself proper; so I reckon it was right!"

"Then Piper's our man!" exclaimed Mr. Sims. "What do you propose, Mealing?"

"The best way is to get our teeth into Piper," said Jake slowly. "E's got the thing; 'e lives all alone; just a tap on 'is 'ed, an' 'e'd wake up to find it gone, an' not know 'ow'd it 'im!"

There was silence between the two men for a moment or two; and then the cautious voice of Sims spoke.

"Why not do it, Jake?" he said. "You're more alert than I am; you could get into the place without much trouble; you might even secure the thing without violence."

"Why not you?" asked Mr. Mealing suspiciously.

"If I did," said the other coolly, "that would be an end to your connection with it, Jake. I don't do the work myself, and hand over profits to other people."

"Wot do I git?" asked Mr. Mealing.

"You're not strong enough, Jake, nor smart enough, to take this matter on your own shoulders," said Sims. "Put the stone in my hands, and I'll give you one quarter of the proceeds. How's that?"

"Tien't enough," said Jake, after a pause. "I take all the risk, an' you git three-quarters of the booty. Make it a third."

"Very well, I'll make it a third," said Nathaniel Sims slowly. "When is it to be?"

"It can't be too soon for me," said Jake. "To-morrow—midnight?"

"Make it earlier. Old Piper closes about ten; why not slip into the place before then?"

"All right; we're shall we meet?"

"In the street near his house," said Sims. "You'll see me somewhere handy."

"An' I shan't be far off!" murmured Miss Nudds to herself.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 25th May
OLDENBURG	SATURDAY 4th June
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 8th June
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 22nd June
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 6th July
ROON	WEDNESDAY 20th July
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 3rd August
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 17th August
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 31st August
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY 14th September
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 28th September
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 12th October
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 26th October
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 9th November
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 23rd November
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 7th December
PRINZ BITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 21st December
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 4th January 1905

ON WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of MAY, 1904, at NOON, the Steamship "BAYERN," Captain H. Förmes, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES AND GENOA.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	CHUSAN	Brit. str.	W. B. Palmer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ALCANTARA	Brit. str.	H. G. H. Lewellin	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DEUTALION	Brit. str.	H. G. H. Lewellin	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 25th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	AGAMEMNON	Brit. str.	H. G. H. Lewellin	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	7th June.
LONDON & ANTWERP	YANGTZE	Brit. str.	H. G. H. Lewellin	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	21st June.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KINZUCK	Brit. str.	H. G. H. Lewellin	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	5th July.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	E. SIMONS	Freem. str.	G. Bourdon	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	31st inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	BREMER	Ger. str.	Webster	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 11th June.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	BAYERN	Ger. str.	Förmes	MELCHERS & CO.	25th inst., at Noon.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	STRASSBURG	Ger. str.	Madsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	31st inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SEGOWIA	Ger. str.	Förck	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	14th June.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	BATAVIA	Ger. str.	Dempwolf	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	28th June.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	NURNBERG	Ger. str.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	6th July.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	C. F. FELD LAEISZ	Ger. str.	Sachs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	26th July.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	BADENIA	Brit. str.	Roerden	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	10th Aug.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	KEEMUN	Brit. str.	Roerden	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	20th June.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	RAS ISSA	Brit. str.	Roerden	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th July.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	SATSUMA	Brit. str.	Roerden	SHAW, TOMES & CO.	About 31st inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	SENeca	Brit. str.	Roerden	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 15th June.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	Roerden	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA N. PAC. &c.	E. OF CHINA	Brit. str.	Roerden	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	1st June.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA N. PAC. &c.	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.	W. M. Smith	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	25th inst., at 3 P.M.
AUTRALIAN PORTS	STENTOR	Brit. str.	Schmidt	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	15th June.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	Schmidt	PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	14th June.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	EASTERN	Brit. str.	Ellis	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	2nd June.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	LOTIAN	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	4th June, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	KOWLOON	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 20th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	CHINA COM. S. S. CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	23rd inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th inst., Noon.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th inst., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, 8 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	29th inst., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	1st June, 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th inst.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	28th inst., 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	4th June, 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 5th June.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI & KOBÉ	WUHO	Brit. str.	C. F. Lockstone	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	25th inst., at 4 P.M.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
STRASSBURG	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 31st May. { Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Madsen	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
SEGOWIA	HAYRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG	On 14th June. Freight.
Capt. Förck	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
BATAVIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 28th June. Freight.
Capt. Dempwolf	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
NURNBERG	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 8th July. Freight.
Capt. Jaburg	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
C. F. FELD LAEISZ	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 26th July. Freight.
Capt. Sachs	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	
BADENIA	HAYRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Aug. Freight.
Capt. Roerden	(Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)	

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"FRITHJOF"	SUNDAY, 22nd May, at 8 A.M.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	H. A. HARALDSEN	WEDNESDAY, 26th May, at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"TRIUMPH"	SUNDAY, 29th May, at 10 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	A. HANSEN	WEDNESDAY, 1st June, at 10 A.M.
	"M. STRUVE"	
	T. BRANDT	
	"TRITON"	
	H. KRAAT	

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila direct.	Sat., 28th May, 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila direct.	Sat., 4th June, 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Nottley		

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1904.

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STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOBI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	CHUSAN	About 20th May	Freight and Passage.
(Passing through the Inland Sea)	C. F. Lockstone, B.N.E.		
LONDON, &c.	CHUSAN	Noon, 21st May	See Special Advertisement.
	W. B. Palmer, B.N.E.		
LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, AND PORT SAID	MANILA	About 25th May	Freight and Passage.
	H. G. H. Lewellin, B.N.E.		

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1904.

ARRIVALS.
May 19, DARDANUS, British str., 2,992, Tiltson, Singapore 14th May, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
May 19, ELINOR, British str., 2,337, Thos. Millican, Barry 1st April, Coal.—DOWELL & CO., LD.
May 20, BORO, Norwegian str., 738, N. C. Mathison, Bangkok 13th May, Rice and Timber.—CHINESE.
May 20, CHUSAN, British str., 2,892, W. B. Palmer, Shanghai 17th May, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
May 20, HIPSANG, British str., from Canton.
May 20, JOHANN, German str., 452, Island, Bangkok 13th May, Rice—JERRY & CO.
May 20, LOONGSANG, German str., 1,245, Kulkhofen, Shanghai 17th May, General.—SIEBSEN & CO.
May 20, LOONGSANG, British str., 1,092, G. S. Weigall, Manila 19th May, General.—JARDIN, MATHEWSON & CO.
May 20, M. BACQUEHEM, Austrian

